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Ms. Renata Hesse
Antitrust Division
United States Department of Justice

Via Fax: 202-616-9937
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

This letter is an indication of my support for the Microsoft settlement. With a stagnant economy and a war raging overseas, I believe it is in the best interest of the public to settle this lawsuit.

From print and media information, it appears Microsoft has taken the necessary steps to reach a fair and reasonable settlement. Currently the settlement allows competitive computer makers to eliminate the Windows software and replace it with another. I believe this demonstrates Microsoft's commitment to the consumer.

As Florida's Secretary of State, one of my duties is to encourage commerce and international business for our state. Obviously, too much litigation is never helpful to a recovering economy.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Harris".

Katherine Harris
Secretary of State